CCS 2 Data Element Changes

The VACSB Data Management Committee and the Department have developed the second version of the Community Consumer Submission (CCS 2), which is being distributed in February so that software vendors can modify CSB extract programs to begin collecting CCS 2 information for FY 2006, starting on July 1, 2005. The significant changes between CCS 1 and CCS 2 are summarized below.

- The original CCS contained 49 data elements; CCS 2 contains 56 data elements, an increase of only seven elements: four new elements capture additional DSM IV Axis I diagnoses to identify individuals with co-occurring disorders, one element captures Medicaid Status, one element identifies the Date of the Last Direct Substance Abuse Service, and one element collects Consumer Service Hours for certain core services.

- Priority populations (original CCS element 13) have been eliminated from the CCS 2 and the Core Services Taxonomy 7, also scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2005.

- In place of priority populations, MH will collect SMI, SED, and At Risk of SED through data element 13.a in CCS 2 at admission to the CSB and whenever it changes or at least annually so that changes can be identified. SMI, SED, and At Risk of SED are required for federal block grant reporting.

- In place of priority populations, an MR diagnosis will be collected through data element 28 or 29, and Cognitive Delay will be collected through element 13.b in CCS 2.

- In place of priority populations, Substance Dependence and Substance Abuse, which are required for federal block grant reporting, will be obtained through elements 26, 27, or 52 through 55 (Diagnosis: Axis I) in CCS 2.

- Elements 21 (Education Level), 22 (Employment Status), and 23 (Type of Residence) will be collected whenever they change or at least annually in CCS 2, in addition to being collected at admission to and discharge from the CSB, so that changes can be identified for outcome measurement purposes.

- Elements 26 through 31 and 52 through 55 will be collected whenever they change, in addition to being collected at admission to and discharge from the CSB, so that changes can be identified.

- Elements 32 through 43 (SA drug information) will be collected at enrollment in and release from each core service in CCS 2, rather than at admission to and discharge from the CSB, so that changes can be identified for outcome measurement purposes.

- Medicaid Status is added as a new data element (50) for the MH, MR, and SA program areas. This is required for federal block grant reporting in MH. The data element is defined as: the consumer was enrolled in Medicaid at any point during the current fiscal year – yes or no.

- Reduced sets of data elements will be collected for Emergency Services and Limited Services (a new core services category in Core Services Taxonomy 7). For example, 38 data elements will be collected for most MH core services, but only 21 will be collected for Emergency Services, and only 24 will be collected for Limited Services.

- While 35 data elements will be collected for most MR core services, only 21 will be collected for Emergency Services, and only 22 will be collected for Limited Services.

- Similarly, 54 data elements will be collected for most SA core services, but only 21 will be collected for Emergency Services, and only 38 will be collected for Limited Services.

- Limited Services are: Substance Abuse Social Detoxification, Substance Abuse Motivational Treatment, Consumer Monitoring, and Assessment And Evaluation Services.

- Element 18 (Race Code) has been revised in CCS 2 to capture the six race elements required by the federal Office of Management and Budget: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, White, and Other Race. Additionally, values are added to capture five multi-race codes: Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and White, Asian and White, Black or African American and White, American Indian or Alaska Native and Black or African American, and Other Multi-Race.

- There will be some changes to lookup tables for CCS 2 related to changes in Core Services Taxonomy 7, such as the addition of Assessment and Evaluation Services, a new core service subcategory in Limited Services.

The VACSB Data Management Committee (DMC) agreed to give CSBs the option of excluding their MH, MR, and SA prevention data (service units) from CCS 2, since Prevention Services are not provided to consumers, instead using their local information systems or their Performance-Based Prevention System to collect this information and entering it directly (manually) into their Community Services Performance Contract CARS Reports. Alternately, CSBs could continue to include their prevention service units in their CCS extracts and use the local report function to produce the service units information, then they would enter this information directly (manually) into their Community Services Performance Contract CARS Reports. In any event, the Department will not use CCS 2 to obtain information about units of Prevention Services; instead, it will gather this information from the Community Services Performance Contract CARS Reports.

The VACSB DMC also agreed to work on enabling the Performance-Based Prevention System to collect MH, MR, and SA prevention data (service units) for the Community Services Performance Contract CARS Reports and communicate this data electronically directly into those CARS Reports for FY 2007.

The VACSB DMC also agreed to explore the feasibility, desirability, and possibility of integrating or linking iTOTS with CCS 3 at some point in the future, perhaps by using the special project reporting function.

The VACSB DMC rejected other proposed changes for CCS 2. These included adding a location code for specific program sites, status at release (similar to status at discharge), and address, which would not be extracted to the Department, but CSBs could use this to facilitate distribution of the MH youth satisfaction survey. These changes may be considered for CCS 3.

The DMC agreed that SCADS should be submitted for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2005. However, SCADS submission will cease after the second quarter. The Department will use the CCS, rather than SCADS, to meet TEDS reporting requirements and will focus its data quality improvement efforts with CSBs on the CCS.